IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. Of:

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The Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

GROUP 3600

Dear Sir:

On August 27, 2003, an Office Action was mailed in this matter. Applicants are filing on even date herewith a Request for Continued Examination and Petition for a three (3) months extension of term. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a copy of all of Applicants' claims.

Please amend the application as follows:

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